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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Lubenow et al.

Serial No.: 09/812,541

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Entitled: Methods for Separating Particulate
Substrates from Solution While Minimizing
Particle Loss

EXAMINER: A. Chakrabarti

Atty. Docket No.: QGN-004.0 US-1

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

Applicants submit this Response to the Office Action (Paper No. 4), mailed July 18, 2001, in the above-identified application. A Petition for a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action along with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) accompany this Response.

REMARKSCorrection of Claims Pending

Applicants note that the Office Action incorrectly omitted Claims 5, 6, 7, and 8 from the list of claims pending in this divisional application. In their Preliminary Amendment, submitted March 20, 2001, Applicants canceled original Claims 1, 4, 9-12, 31, 33, 35, 40-43 without prejudice and provided amended Claims 2, 3, 13-16, 18, 19, 23-30, 32, 34, 44-47, 49, 50, 54-64, and 66 as well as new Claims 67, 68, and 69 on a separate sheet in clean form pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i). In addition, a version of the amended claims with markings was provided on a separate sheet pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii) and attached as Tab A. Finally, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3), a complete set of the claims, i.e., Claims 2, 3, 5-8, 13-30, 32, 34, 36-39, and 44-69, as preliminarily amended in this divisional application was provided at Tab